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Dear Sir:

In Response to the Office communication mailed October 3, 2003,  
please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (original) An optical filter comprising:

a first lens system for converting an input beam into an output beam having a substantially eccentric cross-section; and

a linear variable filter for shifting a center wavelength response of said linear variable filter in a wavelength varying direction, said linear variable filter coupled to receive the output beam.

2. (original) The optical filter as defined in claim 1 wherein the first lens system comprises at least two lenses for shaping the output beam, said output beam being substantially focussed in the wavelength varying direction and substantially collimated in a substantially wavelength constant direction substantially perpendicular to said wavelength varying direction.